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Crop Report for the week of May 15, 2005

Saskatchewan farmers now have 47 per cent of the 2005 crop planted, ahead of the five-year average (2000-04) of 35 per cent, according to Saskatchewan Agriculture and Food's weekly crop report.

The south west is furthest advanced with 66 per cent seeded, followed by the west central region with 53 per cent seeded. The north west is least advanced at 29 per cent seeded.

Strong winds and a lack of precipitation continue to dry out topsoil south of Saskatoon. Almost 65 per cent of reporters rate their crop land as having adequate topsoil moisture, down from 82 per cent last week. East central and south western areas are reporting the driest topsoil at this time. A total of 52 per cent of reporters indicate that their hay and pasture land has adequate topsoil moisture, down from 69 per cent last week.

Reports of re-seeding canola, due mainly to frost damage, came from the southeast, southwest, and east central regions. Spraying was hampered by cool, windy weather.

Localized changes to original seeding plans were reported including less flax because of a shortage of quality seed, more peas because of good seed and fewer inputs, fewer oilseeds if surface moisture is not replenished, and more summerfallow due to heavy trash cover.

Pasture and hay lands are slow to grow due to cool, dry weather. Many producers continue to feed their livestock, especially in southern and central areas.

Seeding Progress by Crop District

CD	May 15/05	May 16/04
1a	20	22
1b	41	32
2a	67	40
2b	44	44
3an	61	41
3ase	54	44
3asw	55	17
3bn	60	53
3bs	70	51
4a	83	74
4b	88	79
5a	41	33
5b	41	29
6a	40	41
6b	46	41
7a	60	60
7b	53	57
8a	38	41
8b	42	42
9ae	32	26
9aw	29	30
9b	29	33
Prov.	47	41

Seeding Progress in SK per cent seeded

	All Crops
May 15/05	47
5-year Avg. (2000-04)	**35**
May 16/04	41
May 18/03	32
May 12/02	13
May 13/01	43
May 14/00	46

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1 Year Ago

Farmers had planted 41% of the 2004 crop.

Many southern areas received precipitation, improving topsoil moisture conditions substantially.

Slow grass growth was causing concern for livestock owners as feed supplies were diminishing.

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South eastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 1, 2, & 3ase)

The southeastern corner received rain with some snow flurries during the past week. An average of 8 mm of precipitation fell, ranging from an average low of 2 mm reported in Crop District (CD) 2b, to an average high of 23 mm in CD 1a. The largest amount reported was 48 mm in the Frobisher area. Blowing dust was reported in CD 2b near the end of last week. Reports of re-seeding of canola damaged by frost came from CD 1a. Frost damage to canola, alfalfa, and flowering trees was reported in CD 2a. Possible frost damage to canola and lentils was reported in CD 3ase.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land did not change much from last week. Sixty-one per cent of reporters rated topsoil moisture conditions as adequate, compared to 63% last week. Fifty-five per cent of reporters rated topsoil moisture conditions on hay and pasture land as adequate, compared to 47% last week. On hay and pasture land, surplus moisture areas dried, and the precipitation improved the short moisture areas.

South eastern farmers made good seeding progress last week. Reports show 43% of the 2005 crop is planted. Crop District 2a is most advanced with 67% planted. Crop District 1a has the least planted at 20%. Cool weather and lack of topsoil moisture is causing germination concerns.

Early plantings of wheat and peas were emerging in CD 2a. Crops seeded in late April were emerging in CD 2b.

In CD 2b, some producers were switching from flax to other crops, due to a shortage of good flax seed.

Spraying to burn off weed growth is poor due to cold conditions. Some of the 2004 crop was burned early last week in CD 2b.

Pastures and hay land are slow to grow because of the cool weather, and many livestock owners continue to feed their animals.

South western Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 3asw, 3an, 3b, & 4)

The southwest was generally cool, windy, and dry during the past week. An average of 1 mm of precipitation fell. The largest amount reported was 8 mm in the Kyle area. Dusty field conditions are reported in CD 4a because of the dry, windy weather. Alfalfa crops were hurt by the frost in CDs 3asw and 4a. Early seeded canola crops in CD 3asw were hurt by the frost and may need to be re-seeded. Frost set back the growth of winter wheat in CD 3bs. Re-seeding canola because of the frost took place in CDs 3bn and 4. There were some complaints of frost damage to pea and barley crops in CD 4b. In CD 3bn, the early mustard was well emerged and did not freeze off.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land deteriorated during the past week. Fifty-seven per cent of reporters rated topsoil moisture conditions as adequate, compared to 84% last week. Thirty-four per cent of reporters rated topsoil moisture conditions on hay and pasture land as adequate, compared to 67% last week. Farmers are looking for a rain to replenish topsoil moisture.

South western farmers continued to make good seeding progress. Reports show 66% of the 2005 crop is planted. Crop District 4b is most advanced with 88% planted. Crop District 3asw has 60% planted. Emergence of early-seeded crops has begun in CDs 3bs, 3bn, and 4b.

More peas are expected to be seeded in CD 3an because of good seed supplies and fewer inputs required. In CD 3bs, heavy trash cover is becoming a problem, and some are considering more summerfallow. Seeding of canola is on hold in CD 3bn – if rain and warmth don't come soon, oats or barley will be seeded instead. Fewer chickpeas than expected were seeded in CD 4b.

Farmers are having a hard time spraying because of wind and freezing temperatures.

Pasture growth is slow. Cattle were moving out to summer pastures.

Gophers are eating emerging crops and digging up seed in CD 3bs.

East central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 5 & 6a)

The east central region saw cool temperatures and some snow flurries during the past week. An average of 1 mm of precipitation fell. Farmers are looking for a general rain to complete planting and ensure uniform germination. There were reports of winter wheat crops in CD 5a being damaged because of dry surface moisture. Frost damage meant canola needed to be re-seeded in CD 5b. Emerging crops, alfalfa, and winter cereals sustained frost damage in CD 6a.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land deteriorated during the past week. Fifty-two per cent of reporters rated topsoil moisture conditions as adequate, compared

to 84% last week. Thirty-one per cent of reporters rated topsoil moisture conditions on hay and pasture land as adequate, compared to 50% last week.

East central farmers made good seeding progress last week. Reports show 41% of the 2005 crop is planted. Crop Districts 5a and 5b each have 41% planted while CD 6a has 40% planted.

Some farmers in CD 5a were changing their seeding plans due to high input costs, lack of rain, and prices for the grains. Some farmers in CD 5b will be lowering their flax and canola acres due to the dry, cold weather. Some farmers in CD 6a will be decreasing projected flax acreage due to inability to find quality seed. Also in CD 6a, some canola acres are being switched to cereals.

Weed control activities were slowed due to the cool weather. A lot of residue burning took place in areas of CD 5b. Some further harvesting was completed in CD 6a.

Pastures are not growing and need a rain and warm weather soon. Many livestock owners continue to feed their stock.

West central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 6b & 7)

West central regions were generally cool and windy during the past week with frost most nights. An average of 1 mm of precipitation fell. In the Denzil area, a total of 24 mm was received near the beginning of the week. Dust was blowing in CDs 6b and 7b. Also in CD 6b, emerging crops sustained some frost damage during the week. In CD 7b, early seeded wheat was set back due to frost damage.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land deteriorated this past week. Sixty-five per cent of reporters rated topsoil moisture conditions as adequate, compared to 96% last week. Sixty-five per cent of reporters also rated topsoil moisture conditions on hay and pasture land as adequate, compared to 91% last week.

West central farmers made good seeding progress last week. Reports show 53% of the 2005 crop is planted. Crop District 7a is most advanced with 60% planted. Crop District 6b has 46% planted. Peas and lentils are emerging in CD 6b.

Some areas in CD 6b seeded more lentils than they expected to a month ago. How much canola goes in will depend on replenishment of the topsoil moisture. In CD 7b, there is an increase in barley acreage, and a small reduction in canola and spring wheat acres.

Spraying is being hampered by cold weather.

Cattle are being moved out to pastures in CD 7a where the grass is looking better.

North eastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 8 & 9ae)

Most areas of the northeast were cool, windy, and dry with some snow flurries. An average of 1 mm of precipitation fell. Harsh winds caused soil erosion in CD 9ae.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land were similar to last week. Ninety-five per cent of reporters rated topsoil moisture conditions as adequate, compared to 100% last week. Ninety per cent of reporters rated topsoil moisture conditions on hay and pasture land as adequate, compared to 95% last week.

North eastern farmers made good seeding progress last week. Reports show 39% of the 2005 crop is planted. Crop District 8b is most advanced with 42% planted. Crop District 9ae has 32% planted.

Lack of surface moisture is worrisome in some areas of CD 8b, especially in regard to sowing small-seed crops.

There was some spraying done. Some more combining and baling of the 2004 crop was completed.

North western Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 9aw & 9b)

The northwest was cool and windy with freezing night-time temperatures during the past week. An average of less than ½ mm of precipitation fell. Rain would settle the dust and allow for more even germination.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land improved as surplus moisture dried up. Eighty-seven per cent of reporters rated topsoil moisture conditions as adequate, compared to 82% last week. Eighty per cent of reporters rated topsoil moisture conditions on hay and pasture land as adequate, compared to 89% last week.

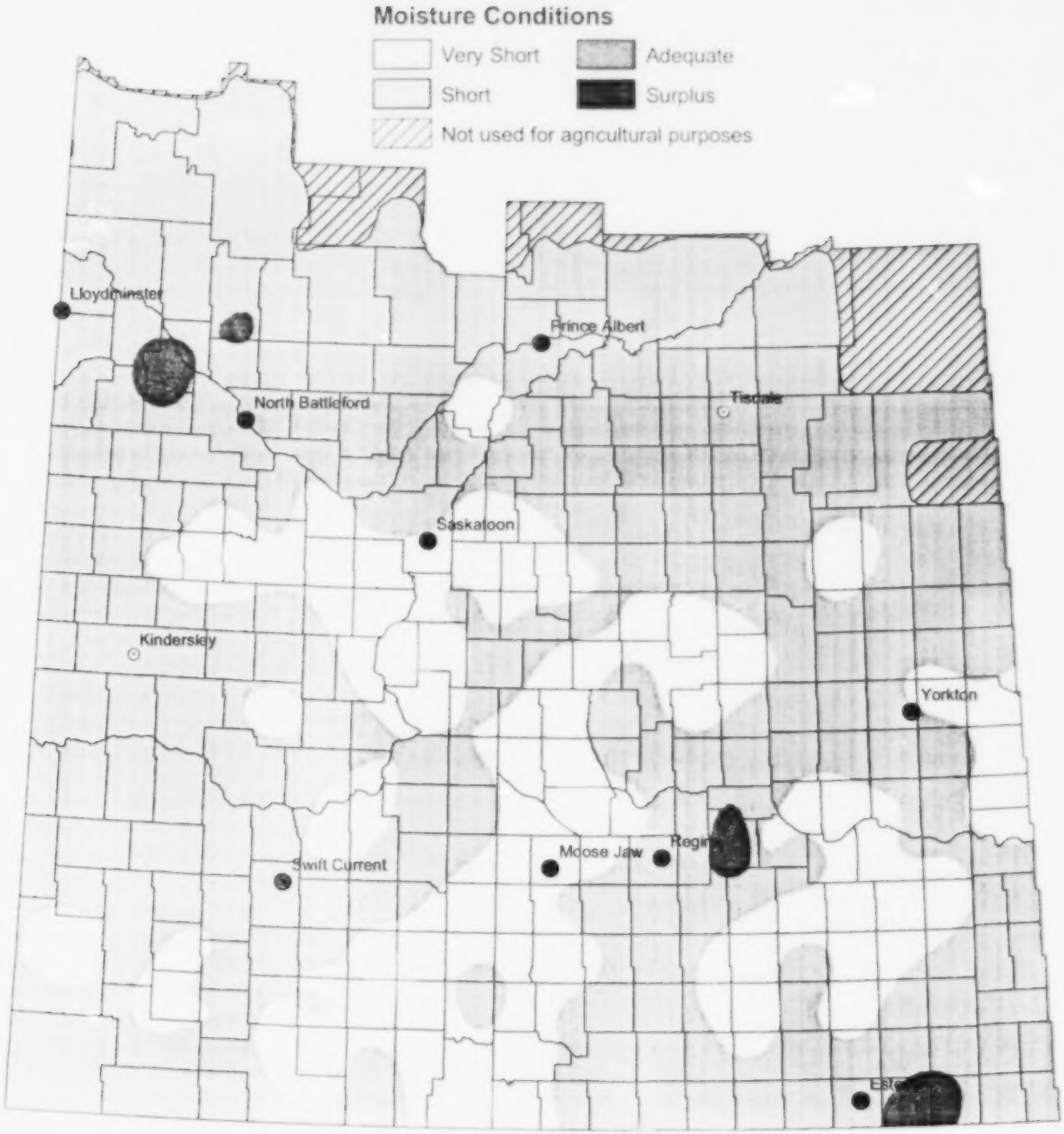
North western farmers made good seeding progress last week. Reports show 29% of the 2005 crop is planted. Both CDs 9aw and 9b report an average of 29% planted.

Pea and wheat acres may decrease due to time constraints.

There was some combining of the 2004 crop in CD 9aw, as well as some stubble-burning. Spraying was delayed because of the cold, windy weather.

Pastures are greening up, but some cattle are still being fed. Other cattle are being moved out to summer pastures.

Crop Land Topsoil Moisture Conditions
May 15, 2005



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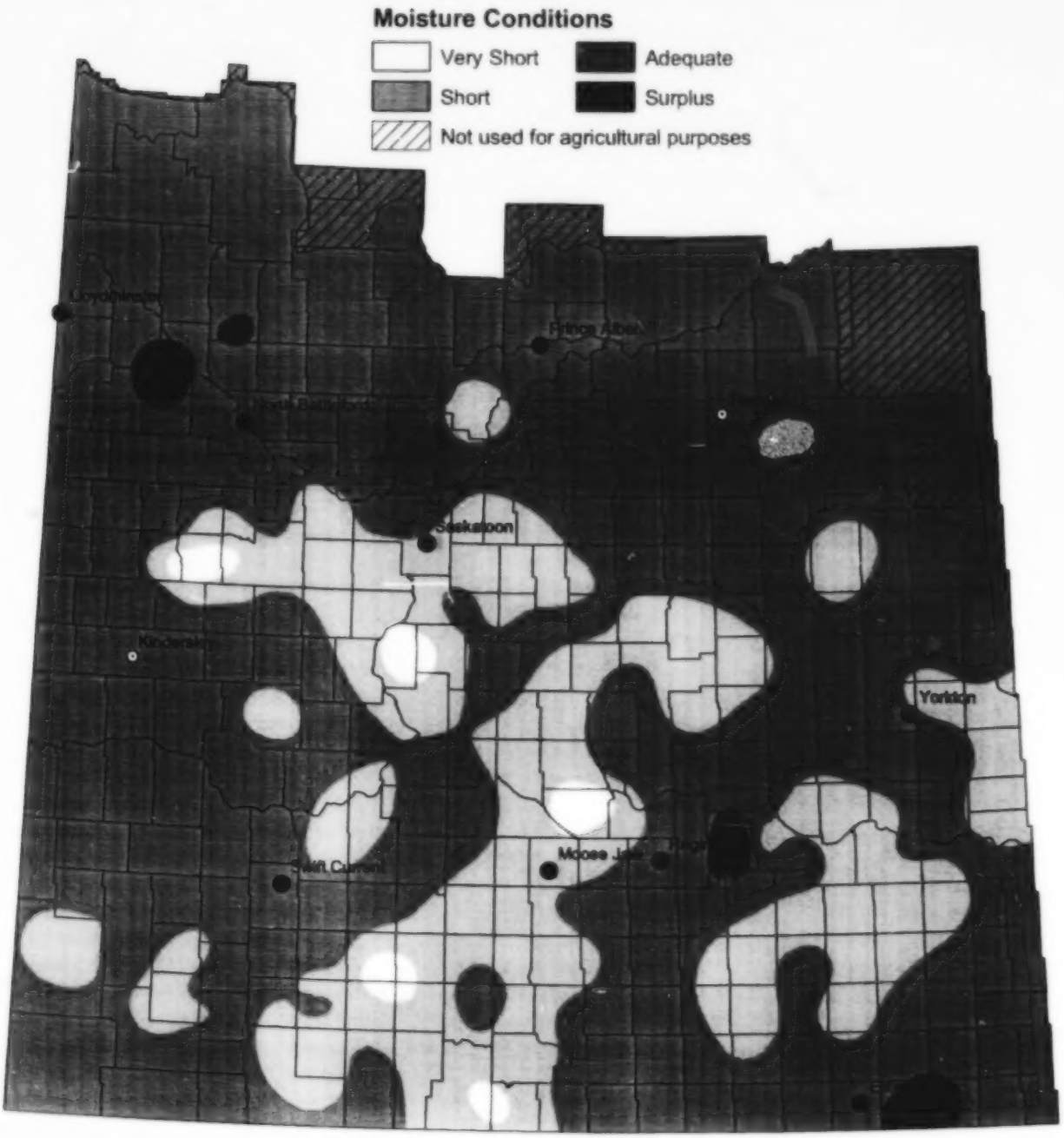

Weekly Rainfall Summary
(in millimeters)

for the week ending May 14, 2005

Crop Dist.	No.	Municipality Name	Past Week	Since April 1
1A	2	Mount Pleasant	6	39
	3 B	Enniskillen	48	54
	31	Storthoaks	7	33
	32	Reciprocity	37	44
	33 B	Moose Creek	22	29
	34	Browning	20	29
	63 A	Moose Mountain	21	31
	63 B	Moose Mountain	25	39
	64	Brock	21	28
	65	Tecumseh	8	11
1B	91	Maryfield	33	40
	92	Walpole	16	16
	94	Hazelwood	8	16
	95	Golden West	3	8
	123	Silverwood	NIL	7
	124	Kingsley	1	9
	151 A	Rocanville	8	19
	151 B	Rocanville	3	10
	153	Willowdale	TR	6
	154	Elcapo	TR	TR
2A	36	Cymri	12	26
	67	Weyburn	TR	18
	68	Brokenshell	2	19
	96	Fillmore	2	4
	97	Wellington	4	5
	99	Caledonia	3	45
2B	126	Montmartre	6	6
	127	Francis	5	10
	129	Bratt's Lake	2	25
	131	Baildon	2	28
	156 A	Indian Head	3	5
	156 B	Indian Head	2	9
	157	South Qu'appelle	1	65
	158	Edenwold	2	20
	160	Pense	NIL	10
	191	Marquis	1	17
3ASE	8	Lake Alma	7	23
	9	Surprise Valley	6	16
	38 A	Laurier	3	36
	38 B	Laurier	2	41
	39 A	The Gap	5	29
	39 B	The Gap	3	42
3ASW	10	Happy Valley	1	12
	12	Poplar Valley	TR	10
	40	Bengough	2	30
	42	Willow Bunch	5	36
	43 A	Old Post	3	16
	43 B	Old Post	3	10
	44	Waverley	1	16
	70	Key West	2	19
	71 A	Excel	NIL	31
	71 B	Excel	1	34
	71 C	Excel	TR	27
	73 A	Stonehenge	NIL	3
	73 B	Stonehenge	4	21
3AN	101 B	Terrell	1	19
	102	Lake Johnston	TR	26
	104	Gravelbourg	NIL	10
	132	Hillsborough	NIL	18
	134	Shamrock	NIL	26
	164	Chaplin	NIL	6
	193	Eyebrow	NIL	31
	194	Enfield	NIL	22
3BS	17 A	Val Marie	NIL	27
	17 B	Val Marie	NIL	4
	45	Mankota	2	25
	46 B	Glen Mcpherson	NIL	15
	75 A	Pinto Creek	3	15
	75 B	Pinto Creek	3	15
	76 A	Auvergne	NIL	12
	76 B	Auvergne	NIL	18
	78 A	Grassy Creek	NIL	19
	78 B	Grassy Creek	NIL	12
	78 C	Grassy Creek	TR	22
	105	Glenbain	1	12
	106	Whiska Creek	NIL	13
	108	Bone Creek	TR	30
3BN	135	Lawtonia	NIL	17
	136	Coulee	NIL	30
	137	Swift Current	NIL	22
	138	Webb	NIL	38
	166	Excelsior	NIL	30
	167	Sask. Landing	NIL	32
	225	Canaan	NIL	9
	226	Victory	NIL	19
	228 A	Lacadena	8	34
	228 B	Lacadena	NIL	29
	256	King George	NIL	18
	257	Monet	NIL	35
4A	19	Frontier	NIL	20
	51	Reno	NIL	19
	79	Arlington	NIL	18
	109 A	Carmichael	TR	68
	109 B	Carmichael	NIL	52
	110	Piapot	NIL	70
	111 A	Maple Creek	NIL	40
	111 B	Maple Creek	NIL	78
4B	139	Gull Lake	TR	43
	141	Big Stick	NIL	66
	142	Enterprise	NIL	51
	171	Fox Valley	TR	53
	229	Miry Creek	NIL	30
	231	Happyland	NIL	37
	232	Deer Forks	NIL	41
5A	152	Spy Hill	3	8
	184 A	Grayson	1	2
	184 C	Grayson	2	9
	185	Mcleod	5	19
	186	Abernethy	2	5
	187	North Qu'appelle	TR	4
	213	Saltcoats	2	9
	214	Cana	2	12
	241	Calder	3	6
	243	Wallace	3	10
	245 B	Garry	1	16
	246	Ituna Bon Accord	2	5
	247	Kellross	3	8
	248	Touchwood	NIL	17
5B	271	Cote	1	11
	276	Foam Lake	3	8
	277	Emerald	2	7
	303	Keys	2	8
	304	Buchanan	2	11
	307	Elfros	2	17
	308	Big Quill	3	7
	335	Hazel Dell	NIL	18
	336	Sasman	1	9
	337	Lakeview	1	16
	338	Lakeside	2	13
	366 A	Kelvington	TR	18
	366 B	Kelvington	TR	26
	367	Ponass Lake	5	19
6A	189	Lumsden	NIL	12
	190 A	Dufferin	4	13
	190 B	Dufferin	TR	1
	190 C	Dufferin	1	13
	219 B	Longlaketon	1	2
	220	Mckillop	1	3
	222	Craik	1	15
	251	Big Arm	TR	3
	252	Arm River	NIL	6
	279 A	Mount Hope	2	9
	279 B	Mount Hope	NIL	8
	280	Wreford	TR	TR
	281	Wood Creek	NIL	NIL
	282	Mccraney	1	17
	309	Prairie Rose	2	6
	310	Usborne	TR	TR
	312	Morris	NIL	12
	313	Lost River	NIL	7
	339 A	Leroy	2	2
	339 B	Leroy	1	11
	340 A	Wolverine	2	7
	340 B	Wolverine	2	3
	341	Viscount	NIL	1
	343	Buncher	NIL	6
6B	254	Loreburn	1	17
	283	Rosedale	TR	21
	284	Rudy	TR	20
	285	Fertile Valley	NIL	17
	286	Milden	NIL	13
	314	Dundurn	1	19
	344	Corman Park	NIL	24
	345	Vanscoy	NIL	15
	346	Perdue	NIL	40
	376 A	Eagle Creek	NIL	53
	376 B	Eagle Creek	NIL	45
	403	Rosthern	NIL	4
	404	Laird	NIL	21
7A	259	Snipe Lake	NIL	43
	290	Kindersley	2	23
	292	Milton	2	37
	317 B	Marriott	NIL	53
	318 A	Mountain View	NIL	28
	318 B	Mountain View	NIL	39
	319	Winslow	TR	21
	320	Oakdale	TR	26
	321	Prairiedale	8	49
7B	347 A	Biggar	NIL	30
	347 B	Biggar	NIL	42
	350 A	Mariposa	NIL	15
	350 B	Mariposa	NIL	22
	351	Progress	NIL	34
	352	Heart's Hill	NIL	50
	377 A	Glenside	NIL	51
	378 A	Rosemount	NIL	37
	378 B	Rosemount	NIL	36
	379	Reford	NIL	34
	380 A	Tramping Lake	NIL	17
	382	Eye Hill	24	59
	409	Buffalo	NIL	31
	410	Round Valley	NIL	43
	411	Senlac	NIL	35
8A	395	Porcupine	2	14
	397	Barrier Valley	2	27
	398	Pleasantdale	3	37
	428	Star City	2	16
	456	Arborfield	4	15
	457 B	Connaught	NIL	4
	458	Willow Creek	2	17
	486	Moose Range	2	13
	487	Nipawin	2	14
8B	369	St. Peter	1	10
	370	Humboldt	TR	9
	371	Bayne	NIL	6
	372	Grant	TR	10
	400	Three Lakes	NIL	NIL
	401	Hoodoo	NIL	3
	402	Fish Creek	TR	8
	429 A	Flett's Springs	TR	51
	429 B	Flett's Springs	NIL	13
	430	Invergordon	TR	8
	459	Kinistino	NIL	21
9AE	461	Prince Albert	NIL	10
	488	Torch River	NIL	9
9AW	406	Mayfield	NIL	38
	435	Redberry	1	28
	436	Douglas	NIL	35
	463	Duck Lake	NIL	3
	464	Leask	NIL	18
	466	Meeting Lake	NIL	40
	467	Round Hill	NIL	41
	493	Shellbrook	NIL	4
	494	Canwood	NIL	28
	496	Spiritwood	NIL	33
	497	Medstead	NIL	29
9B	438 A	Battle River	NIL	43
	438 B	Battle River	TR	33
	440	Hillsdale	NIL	44
	442	Manitou Lake	NIL	39
	468 A	Meota	TR	40
	468 B	Meota	NIL	12
	472	Wilton	NIL	48
	498 A	Parkdale	NIL	24
	498 B	Parkdale	NIL	33
	499	Mervin	1	87
	501 A	Frenchman Butte	TR	57
	501 B	Frenchman Butte	NIL	67
	501 C	Frenchman Butte	1	14
	502	Britannia	2	36
	561	Loon Lake	NIL	55
	588 A	Meadow Lake	NIL	37
	588 B	Meadow Lake	NIL	52
	588 C	Meadow Lake	NIL	64
	622	Beaver River	NIL	21

These precipitation amounts represent point locations within each municipality and do not necessarily reflect the whole R.M.

* incomplete

Municipality No: A, B, C, and D - more than one reporter

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